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ABSTRACT

This is a report on the credit student enrollment at Iowa community colleges for the fall 2001 term. Highlights include: (1) the total headcount shows a credit enrollment of 68,790 students, a 5% increase over fall 2000; (2) 58% of the credit students at Iowa community colleges were enrolled in four-year college parallel programs, a 13% increase over last fall 2000; (3) career technical programs also reported an increase in credit student enrollment for fall 2001; (4) the number of students enrolled in dual Career Option/College Parallel programs decreased 40% from the previous year; (5) the ratio of full-time to part-time credit students at Iowa community colleges was 52% to 48%; (6) 94% of the credit enrollees were Iowa residents; (7) females represented 56% of the total credit enrollment; (8) the average age for Iowa community college credit students was 24, with 63% of enrolled students under the age of 22; and (9) more than 92% of the credit student enrollment was white. Provides four figures and four tables of statistics. (MKF)

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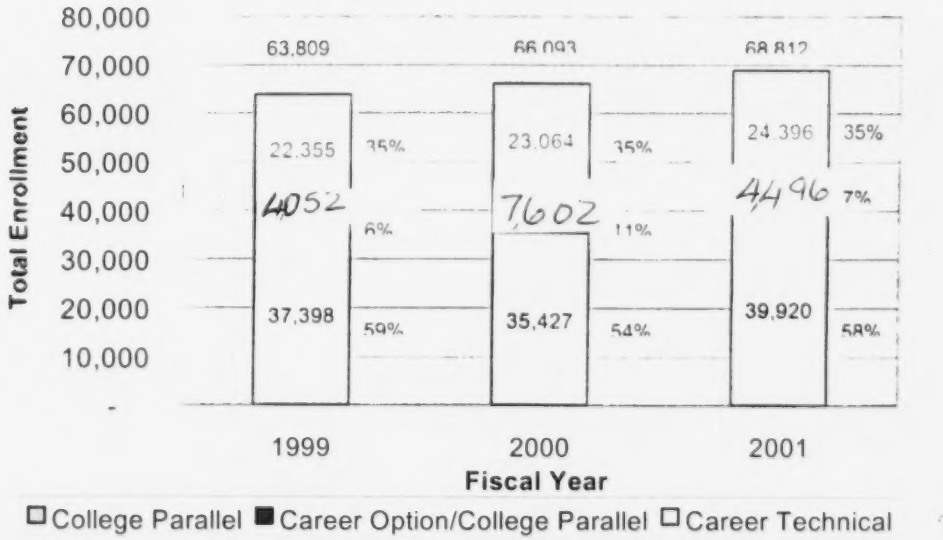
Iowa Community College Fall Term 2001
Credit Student Enrollment Report

The Iowa community colleges transmit the Fall 2001 enrollments to the Department of Education after the 14th day of the fall term start date. All data in this report, except where noted, are taken from the Management Information System (MIS) electronic data files and are confirmed by the community college transmittal sheet. The Fall 2001 unduplicated credit headcount enrollment of 68,790 demonstrates an increase of 5 percent over Fall 2000 enrollment of 65,473.

Total Enrollment by Program Type: Community college fall credit enrollment continues to grow, with approximately 58 percent pursuing College Parallel program majors. (See Figure 1.) College Parallel program enrollment increased 13 percent from 35,427 in 2000 to 39,920 in 2001. Career Technical enrollment increased 7 percent from 23,064 to 24,396 over the same time period, and Career Option/College Parallel (preparation for a vocation and transfer to a four-year institution), decreased 40 percent from 7,602 to 4,496. Total enrollment includes 68,812 duplicated headcount of 22 students enrolled in more than one program.

Figure 1
Community College Fall Credit Enrollments
1999, 2000, 2001



* Total includes duplicated headcount of students enrolled in more than one program.

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Comparative College Enrollments and Full-Time and Part-Time Totals: Fall unduplicated credit enrollment totaled 68,790. These data are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1
Full- and Part-Time Fall 2001 Credit Enrollments by Community College

College	Full-Time		Part -Time		Total	
Name	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Northeast Iowa	1,958	54%	1,654	46%	3,612	5%
North Iowa Area	1,788	66%	934	34%	2,722	4%
Iowa Lakes	1,383	51%	1,328	49%	2,711	4%
Northwest Iowa	476	47%	540	53%	1,016	2%
Iowa Central	2,238	49%	2,329	51%	4,567	7%
Iowa Valley	1,265	63%	751	37%	2,016	3%
Hawkeye	2,913	65%	1,543	35%	4,456	7%
Eastern Iowa	3,147	50%	3,184	50%	6,331	9%
Kirkwood	6,726	54%	5,829	46%	12,555	18%
Des Moines Area	5,085	43%	6,801	57%	11,886	17%
Western Iowa Tech	1,834	37%	3,086	63%	4,920	7%
Iowa Western	2,151	50%	2,149	50%	4,300	6%
Southwestern	660	55%	540	45%	1,200	2%
Indian Hills	2,497	68%	1,177	32%	3,674	5%
Southeastern	1,736	61%	1,088	39%	2,824	4%
Total	35,857	52%	32,933	48%	68,790*	100%

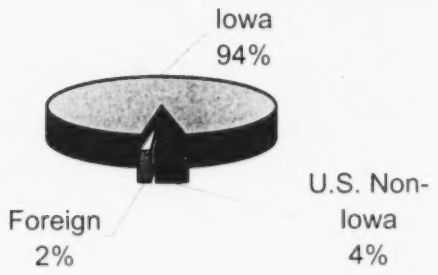
(12 credits hour/full-time, except Indian Hills 8 credit hours/full-time)

*Totals and data related to the Fall 2001 credit enrollment may differ in other reporting sections due to students enrolled in one or more program.

The ratio of full-time to part-time students is 52 percent to 48 percent; however, there are differences across the colleges. The percentage of full-time students ranges from a high of 68 percent at Indian Hills Community College to a low of 43 percent at Des Moines Area Community College.

Residency of Students: Iowa's community colleges are noted for attracting and retaining Iowa residents. As Figure 2 indicates, 94 percent of the fall enrollees are Iowa residents.

Figure 2
Residency of Fall 2001 Credit Enrollees



Gender of Students: Consistent with national trends in postsecondary education, the majority of community college students are female. (See Figure 3)

Figure 3
Gender of Fall 2001 Credit Enrollees

Age of Students: The average age for Iowa community college students enrolled on the 14th day of the fall term is 24.1 years. Sixty-three percent (63%) of the total credit enrollment is 22 years or less, with 12 percent less than 18 years of age. The age distribution is described in Table 2, and illustrated in Figure 4.

Age Distribution for Fall 2001 Credit Enrollments

Figure 4

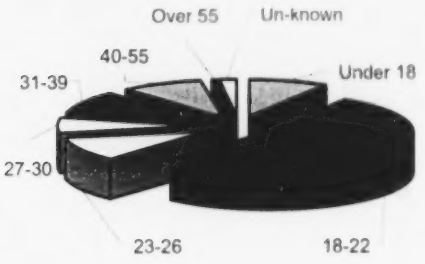


Table 2

Under 18	8,253	12.00%
18-22	35,833	52.09%
23-26	7,209	10.48%
27-30	4,223	6.14%
31-39	6,287	9.14%
40-55	5,685	8.26%
Over 55	415	0.60%
Unknown	885	1.29%
	68,790	100%

Ethnicity of Students: Community college enrollments represent the ethnicity of the citizens of the state as a whole, surpassing in all minority categories their proportional share of the total state population.

Table 3—Comparison of Ethnicity of Fall Credit Enrollees 1999, 2000 and 2001

	Fall 1999		Fall 2000		Fall 2001	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Indian/Alaskan	435	0.72%	436	0.71%	464	0.72%
Asian/Pacific	1,192	1.97%	1,223	1.98%	1,244	1.92%
Black	1,631	2.69%	1,802	2.92%	1,990	3.08%
Hispanic	1,117	1.85%	1,232	2.00%	1,331	2.06%
White	56,160	92.77%	56,964	92.39%	59,686	92.22%
Total Reporting	60,535		61,657		64,715	
No Response	2,843	4.46%	2,913	4.45%	2,844	4.13%
Other/Unknown	431	0.68%	903	1.38%	1,231	1.79%
Total Students	63,809		65,473		68,790	

Percentages for ethnic groups are calculated on the number of students reporting ethnicity. Percentages of "No Response" and "Other/Unknown" are based on the total number of students. (See Table 3)

Student Program Majors: Approximately 58 percent of community college students are enrolled in College Parallel programs. The Industrial Technical programs enroll the largest number of Career-Technical Preparatory students followed by Business and Health. These data are illustrated in Figure 5.

Figure 5
Major of Fall 2001 Credit Enrollees

Type of Program: Community college students are enrolled in a variety of program types. Over half are enrolled in College Parallel programs. The remainder of the students are predominantly enrolled in Career-Technical Preparatory and Career Option/College Parallel programs. (See Table 4)

Table 4—Type of Program Pursued by Fall 2001Credit Enrollees

Program Type	Number	% of Total
College Parallel	39,920	58.01%
Career Preparatory	21,692	31.52%
Career Option/College Parallel	4,496	6.53%
Career Preparatory Part-time	874	1.27%
Career Preparatory: Shared	278	0.40%
Career Preparatory: Joint Admin.	435	0.63%
Career Preparatory Short term	160	0.23%
Apprenticeship	55	0.08%
260G-ACE Program	902	1.31%
TOTAL	68,812*	

* Total includes duplicated headcount of students enrolled in more than one program.